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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:20 PM
To: Tom Irwin; John Katz
Cc: Joe Balash; M Nizich; Mike Tibbles; Kris Perry; Sharon Leighow
Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 10:47:42

To:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Joseph Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>,"Michael Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:17 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Fireman's disease legislation

Mike- we didn't get to finish our conversation on Nancy's bill re: firefighters. I haven't acted on it, but I don't oppose it. Haven't seen a fiscal note on it, but if Nancy asks for our help on it I will help her out.

Also, anyone know why Meyer and Chenault still won't schedule the CON bill? I tried calling both offices this evening but it was after hours. I'll try again tomorrow so that I'm on record, again, as asking for hearings and action on the measure. I'm still 100-percent committed to repeal, and am perplexed and disappointed with their lack of progress.

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 21:30:19

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, I don't think you have to do anything but I have asked our Mine/Land/Water people to give us a summary of all BLM lands transferred to the state over the last couple of years. I think it is now over 3-million acres. I will get an update out tomorrow. God bless. Tom

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Sent: Tue Mar 25 21:17:35 2008

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:51 PM
To: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: IBU strike ballots going out

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Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <annette.kreitzer@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 11:27:19

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Sutch, Nancy A (DOA)" <nancy.sutch@alaska.gov>,"Sheehan, Katherine E (DOA)" <kate.sheehan@alaska.gov>,"Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)" <kevin.brooks@alaska.gov>,"Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: IBU strike ballots going out

Governor:

I just heard through Randy Ruaro that one of the maritime units - Inland Boatmens Union (IBU) is sending out strike ballots to its members. Apparently on the radio, a member is quoted as saying that "the entire west coast" maritime organizations will join in the strike. We'll run that down, but wanted you to know in the meantime.

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:13 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

Yahoo and state acct rules.

----- Original Message -----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

To: 'ftb907@yahoo.com' <ftb907@yahoo.com>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Mon Mar 24 19:00:54 2008

Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Wed Mar 19 17:47:12 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

This one I had to go to Tom Ryan in ETS for. Your PDA can be configured to have both a state email and personal email account. State email goes through ETS server; personal email doesn't (like a Yahoo account, it goes directly over the internet into the device.

Hope this helps.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:07 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

How about when I send personal email? Do they only travel over the phone contractor line?

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:05 AM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

Both - it's a network that connects the two to PDAs on either end.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 10:14 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

So if I get a personal PDA will my state email come in and out via the state server or the phone contractor line?

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:54 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

All emails on Blackberries set up for state business will come in over phone contractor lines to state server maintained by ETS.

Other mobile communication devices (cues, pocket pcs) are simply over the internet--no server.

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 2:03 PM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

One more question: are personal emails on blackberry currently routed through the state server or through AT&T or whomever provides the phone service?

-----Original Message-----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:57 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA); Swanson, Eric W (DOA)

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I believe that's true, although I don't know for sure. Eric, have you signed any for Admin?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:48 PM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Are state employees currently signing up for reimbursement without the opinion from law?

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 13:33:16 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

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-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 1:29 PM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

When do you expect to hear back from law?

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:39:37 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

I'm hesitant to go too far on the confidentiality questions until we hear from Law. I would think personal emails on a personal device are confidential, but I'm not an attorney. I will send this question to Law to make sure that they address the confidentiality question in their response to us on the ethics boundaries.

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 11:16 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Well that's understandable that state business could be subpoenaed off a personal device, but personal emails on a personal device are confidential? What type of situation would constitute subpoena of personal emails? I'm really just trying to weigh the benefits of a personal vs state device.

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 11:06:00 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

We are also waiting on Dept. of Law for confidentiality issues, but I can tell you that using a personal device results in much less probability of audit or ding by the state. It's a strong motivator to move to the personal device with allowance status.

That said, if you have state business on a personal device, it is possible that information could be subpeona'd or accessed through other "public access to information" avenues. This would be specific to a topic, not just the work of an individual.

Does this answer the question?

Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:56 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Cell phone reimbursement

Thanks, Kim. I have your original email. My question is if we have a personal blackberry that we route our state email to, and also receive reimbursement from the state each month, and sign the reimbursement contract w the state, can our phone and email records be audited or can we as state employees be dinged in any way for having our personal and state emails route to the same device. I would gladly buy my own blackberry if it and its contents were truely mine. Any thoughts here?

----- Original Message -----

From: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 10:39:46 2008

Subject: RE: Cell phone reimbursement

Hi Ivy,

The monthly allowance amounts for personal devices are now available. I sent out an email with the form and FAQs on March 7th. I'll forward to you.

Allowance is $40 per month for cell and $75 for Blackberry.

Not waiting for Law on this one. All we need is a form signed by supervisor and employee that the device is needed and that employee has opted to provide.

Waiting for Law to opine on the ethics issues regarding personal use of business assets.

After you see the next email, let me know if you have any other questions.

Kim

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 10:03 AM

To: Garnero, Kim J (DOA)

Subject: Fw: Cell phone reimbursement

Kim,

Can you answer my questions below re: cell phone reimbursement? I should have probably asked you first.

Thanks,

Ivy

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Sent: Mon Mar 17 09:37:55 2008

Subject: Cell phone reimbursement

Commissioner,

Are the reimbursements available yet for personal cell phones? How much is the monthly reimbursement? Also, have we gotten an opinion from law on the reimbursement contract state employees must turn in to receive the reimbursement?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:37 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Re: Zyprexia suit.

Thanks! Sounds good- you all are very successful and it's very much appreciated.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 17:35:54

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Zyprexia suit.

Dear governor palin. We have just settled the ongoing trial with Eli Lilly on the medications case. The state will receive most of the 15 million dollar settlement. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged There will be a story about this tomorrow when the jury is dismissed. Talis.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:35 PM
To: Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Suicide Prevention - ABADA Rep

Sounds good thanks

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From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 16:47:51

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: Suicide Prevention - ABADA Rep

Governor,

There is a spot on the Suicide Prevention Council that is filled by a name put forward by the Alaska Board of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ABADA).

Bernard Gatewood of Fairbanks is the choice of ABADA but gets officially appointed by you. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Here is his background from ABADA:

Bernard has worked with the Division of Juvenile Justice for 20 years. In addition, he has worked with children and families in a variety of human services areas including education and mental health. He holds a masters in counseling, which informs his experience and insight into behavioral health issues faced by Alaska's children and their families.

Bernard is a "bridge builder." With DJJ and in his community, he has worked to promote effective working relationships between people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, and geographic perspectives. He served 7 years on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Health and Social Services Commission, sharing his experience and expertise on many community issues. His contributions have been recognized in a variety of ways over the years, to include the 2007 Commissioner's Award for Child Abuse Prevention (DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth and Families - Alaska recipient) and the

2007 Restorative Justice Award from the Alaska Native Justice Center.

Frank Bailey

Director, Boards and Commissions

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:26 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: AGIA announcement plan

AGIA team will have a message for us by tomorrow aft re: when leggies/public may look forward to Review Release and Special Session dates. We can look at it, tweak if need be, release, then be available for reporters' questions - Tom/Marty/Pat via teleconf, while we'll be here in person. Alaskans are anxious to know where we're going with special session timing, so getting out info by tomorrow will keep everyone in the loop.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:53 PM
To: 'nat.wilson@yale.edu'
Subject: RE: Environment

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:33 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Environment

Web mail from: Mr. Nathaniel Wilson

address: 2420 Glenwood St Anchorage AK 99508

MESSAGE:

Hi Sarah Palin,

I was wondering if you were planning on coming to the Forestry School Governor's Conference here at Yale University after the legislative session ends (April 17-18)? I know it's a long way, but it seems like it would be important for Alaskans to have a representative, given the impact climate change or policy aimed at addressing climate change might have on the state.

Also, I've never actually had the chance to see or meet you.

Nat Wilson, Yale '09

Anchorage, AK

nat.wilson@yale.edu

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:42 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Phone #s

May I get Meyer and Chenault phone #s?

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Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Joseph Kulavik

address: P>O> Box77 Elfin cove AK 99825

18888281970

MESSAGE:

I own two Lodges in Elfin cove and fish in area 2c My charters for this year are down 30% because of the known of what the Halibut limit will be for sport fishing with this and the oil prices and food and flaot plane prices this has just about but me out of Business. I sure hope you will look at this before it crashes down on all of us. Thank You Joe Kulavik P>S> my web site www.eaglecharters.com

jkulavik@eaglecharters.com

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Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Erick Sabo

address: 3123 N. Shirley Tacoma WA 98407

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I have received a copy of a letter sent to Trident's Bristol Bay Fishermen, (which I would like to attach and send to you, but am unable to through this service). In any event, on the second page of this letter under the heading Ugashik, Trident Seafoods makes clear to their fishermen that they:

1. Are not going to have sufficient fish buying capacity at Ugashik during the 2008 fishing season.

2. That they see the Ugashik fish as less desireable.

3. Due to conditions 1 & 2 the Trident fleet will be smaller than usual at Ugashik

A number of other fish buyers are either not buying Ugashik fish or will also have a reduced buying effort.

A small system such as Ugashik cannot experience over escapement without damage to overall fish production. Ugashik is just now recovering from over escapement from the 1990's. Yet it seems clear that the fishing effort will not be sufficient to handle large numbers of fish coming into the Ugashik district. Ugashik will have a serious over escapement problem this summer. Undoubtedly, the buyers in Bristol Bay have assured Fish and & Wildlife that they can handle the large numbers of fish this summer. But, this will obviously not be the case in Ugashik. We will definitely need additional buyers this summer in the Ugashik District.

I personally fish for Icicle, so if I fish Ugashik I would benefit from having fewer Trident fishermen in the district, BUT it is not in the best interest of bay fishermen, fishery managers, the local Ugashik community or the State of Alaska if we have this kind of, or lack of, processing support in Ugashik from one of the largest companies operating in the Bay.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Erick Sabo

F/V Alsatia

erick_sabo@hotmail.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 1:50 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Sudan

I just received your email! It's 1:50pm.

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From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 08:22:42

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Sudan

Governor - Call with Mike Burns has been set up for 9:30 a.m. this morning, Tues., 03.25.08. I have listed his direct office line on your calendar - 796-1521. Thanks, Janice

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:01 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Sudan

J- pls set up phone call for me to speak with Mike Burns this morning- just real quick, I'll touch base with him on what a Gov's authority is re: investment/divestment of Perm Fund $$$. He hasn't asked, but he needs to hear from me on my opinion - and no one seems to know what a

Gov's authority is in this issue is but I will go on record with him re: Perm Fund divesting the half of one-percent that we've got in Darfur. Thanks

Russ-you can let leggies know I'm still trying to talk to Burns.
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 02:10:33
To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>
Cc:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>
Subject: Sudan

Russ- if you get a chance to talk to Gara or Lynn, let them know I do support their efforts on divestment. I haven't known what they needed of me, but I'm not impressed with Mike Burns avoiding the question and giving Alaskans the ol' "not available for comment" comment.

If asked, I'm telling Alaskans I still desire to have the conversation with Burns to let him know my take on this (but he hasn't expressed interest in knowing what I'd like to do on this issue) and I side with those who believe our "bottom line" shouldn"t be our sole global concern in this matter.

If I can do anything to help those lawmakers, even if it's just taking a public stand on this, I'll do so. They can suggest ways I could help.
Thanks
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:51 PM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Statehood

Anna has Denali Boro folks' info re: their desire to participate in statehood celebration. Nenana is site of Golden Spike w/the railroad construction, and of course the home of Jack Coghill. I told them we'd touch base - they have an end-of-July bluegrass celebration they could title "Statehood..." something, plus they may have other ideas on how they could be included. Very nice people, very supportive of us via their Mayor and local elected officials (from Healy, Cantwell, Paxson, Nenana, etc).

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Testing

Do you know when the four days of Juneau state school testing is? Wasilla's is next week...

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:58 AM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Coffee?

No. But come over to the house at six, ok?

------Original Message------

From: Ivy Frye

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Mar 25, 2008 11:08 AM

Subject: Coffee?

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:58 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly News Bulletin: Mar. 25-31, 2008

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1. **LAWSUIT TARGETS EPA OVER LACK OF SUPERFUND FINANCIAL ASSURANCE RULES**

   Environmentalists have recently filed a lawsuit to force the EPA issue Superfund financial assurance rules as required but never promulgated by the agency in the 22 years since it was supposed to have been done. Earthjustice on behalf of the Sierra Club and other groups filed their suit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. According to the brief, the bankruptcies of companies like Asarco, the century-old mining giant estimated to be liable for more than $1 billion in environmental cleanup, along with the expiration of the Superfund taxes on industry, underscore the need for the financial assurances as a means of ensuring cleanup costs are not shifted onto citizens...**Read More »**

2. **DEVELOPER TO BUILD $45 MILLION SOLAR ENERGY FARM IN RHODE ISLAND**

   New York-based Alico Renewable Energy plans to develop a $45 million solar energy project atop a former hazardous waste site near Coventry, RI. It promises to be the largest solar energy farm east of the Mississippi River. Coventry has agreed to give Alico a 50-year lease and the company has agreed to make payments $200,000 a year or 4% of electricity sales to the town. Alico will also look into whether wind turbines could be placed at the site. In November they proposed to build a major wind farm off the coast of Rhode Island...**Read More »**

3. **CONSUMER ELECTRONICS ASSOC. OPPOSED TO HILL E-WASTE CONCEPT PAPER**

   The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) opposes an approach to federal e-waste legislation that puts the burden squarely upon manufacturers and brand owners. The concept paper, drafted by Hill staffers is meant as a precursor to "consensus-based" federal legislation. CEA urges an "alternative model," with manufacturers, retailers, consumers and local, state and federal government sharing responsibility. It views the proposal as unbalanced and unfair finding the collection and recycling goals to be arbitrary. Instead CEA suggests that performance requirements be tied to consumer access to recycling. "Whether consumers choose to recycle or not is up to them," the CEA said. "The industry can only make recycling opportunities available and convenient." The CEA also demands federal preemption of all state laws, including those already in effect, without which will raise costs for manufacturers and confuse consumers...**Read More »**

4. **SEN. DINGELL CONCERNED ABOUT CAFO REPORTING EXEMPTION**

   House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell (D-MI) is concerned about the US EPA's controversial proposal to exempt concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) from federal reporting requirements, particularly with regard to requirements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). He could use the oversight capacity of the committee force EPA to comply with the law. Industry officials are reiterating long-standing arguments that CERCLA and EPCRA were intended to address industrial operations, not agricultural operations...**Read More »**

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5. **ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHES 1-800-RECYCLING**

John Shegerian, CEO of Electronic Recyclers International, announced the launch of 1-800-Recycling as a new resource to connect people with responsible recycling solutions. The resource is currently available in California and Massachusetts and will be expanded to cover the entire nation later this year. Shegerian's record alone is evidence the concept will succeed. He originally bought the failing Computer Recyclers of America in 2002, changed its name, and has turned it into one of the leading e-waste recycling firms in the US. In 2005, he sold a company he co-founded called Financialaid.com for more than $25 million. He also owns Addicted.com, which has also been very successful...**Read More »**

6. **GAS TO ENERGY FROM VERMONT'S SECOND LARGEST LANDFILL**

PPL Renewable Energy of Allentown, PA will develop and operate a landfill gas to energy plant at Vermont's second largest landfill in Moretown. The landfill is owned and operated by North East Waste Services which is now part of Highstar Holding Corp. By fall, methane from the landfill will power diesel generators to generate electricity that will be sold to Green Mountain Power. PPL currently has landfill three gas-to-energy projects in Pennsylvania including with the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority of Lebanon, PA (3.2 MW), the Frey Farm Landfill in Lancaster, PA (3.2 MW), the Northern Tier Landfill in Burlington, PA (800 kW), and two projects in New Jersey including the Pennsauken Renewable Energy Park (2.8 MW), and the Cumberland County Improvement Authority Landfill (4.8 MW)...**Read More »**

7. **COVANTA'S H-POWER CELEBRATES ELEVEN MILLIONTH TON**

Covanta Honolulu celebrated its eleven millionth ton of waste converted to energy at to company's H-Power plant over the last eighteen years. That translates into having burned 611 thousand tons of municipal solid waste per year or 1,675 tons per day to generate up to 57 megawatts of energy. It is yeoman's duty serving the needs of more than 850,000 residents and more than six million visitors to the island each year. In the process, the plant has saved hundreds of acres of landfill space and more than 10 million barrels of imported oil...**Read More »**

8. **CLEANTECH BIOFUELS READY TO COMMERCIALIZE WASTE-TO-ETHANOL PROJECT**

Alternative fuels development firm CleanTech Biofuels and engineering firm Merrick & Company are ready to begin operating the first phase of their municipal solid waste-to-ethanol project. CleanTech and Merrick have developed a comprehensive project management plan that will allow CleanTech to move towards the development of commercial municipal solid waste-to-ethanol plants utilizing the company's technologies. Alan Propp, senior technical specialist of Merrick, said "We are very excited to begin evaluating and demonstrating this technology. It has the potential to revolutionize the way American communities deal with their municipal solid waste, while simultaneously producing clean-burning, renewable fuels."..**Read More »**

9. **STARTECH ENVIRONMENTAL WILL PARTNER TO CREATE CARBONLESS POWER SYSTEM**

Wilton, Conn.-based Startech Environmental Corp., which makes plasma conversion systems that can turn solid waste into hydrogen gas and other benign byproducts, will partner with Algona, Iowa-based Hydrogen Engine Center Inc., which makes hydrogen powered combustion engines, to market a new waste-to-energy system that combines both technologies. Michael Schiltz, HEC vice president of engine development, said the systems could be used by landfills, for example, to convert garbage into fuel that the landfill can use in engines to generate electricity for its operation or to run engines in its heavy equipment. Stephen Landa, vice president of sales for Startech, said the idea of using hydrogen for vehicles and stationary carbonless power is one of the reasons for the alliance...**Read More »**

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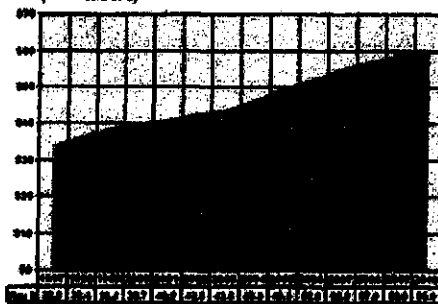
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:56 PM

To: 'Brenda Wall'

Subject: RE: Bristol Bay

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From: Brenda Wall [mailto:vision_rbw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 3:46 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Bristol Bay

Dear Governor Palin,
I am a small business owner with a drift permit in Bristol Bay. I want to share my deepest concerns on the up coming salmon season for 2008. I was reading the latest news on that fishery and the concern over the limits that we will endure. A spokesman from one of the canneries said that the processors are sure that they can handle the daily catch without limits. They also told us the price will be the same as last year!

Is that an open market price? The entire west coast harvest of salmon for trollers is shut down. The main stem fishery on the Columbia River is shut down. A hand full of salmon have been harvest in the estuary fisheries on the Columbia and the price is $10.00 per pound. This is not a rumor!

I realize that other fisheries will be open before Bristol Bay but it sure seems strange that wild Alaska Salmon so desired by informed consumers in America will bring only 67 cents dock price. The Bristol Bay processors will say and do anything to keep this fish price bound with an iron fist.

Please set us free from this Mafia like control! Please bring in processing ships that can bring new life to this fishery! Please open the door to price competition!

Warm Regards,
Randy & Brenda Wall

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:02 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Castle; Lillian K (GOV)
Subject: FW: Friends of Doyon

From: Mitch Demientieff Sr [mailto:mademientieff@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 7:34 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Friends of Doyon

Governor Palin

I thank you,Lynne Smith and Roger Prince for Ms. Smith's response response to to my inquies in my letter to you of February 18,2008. The work your staff did to educate our group and assist us to get in compliance with the law was very welcome and expertly handled.

Commissioner Notti is very well respected by the native community in general and by me specifically. Enil has heavy Nenana connectio

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:56 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly: Boosting the Economy

From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 2:54 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Weekly: Boosting the Economy

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Boosting the Economy
By Tom Donohue

Last week I delivered a speech in Michigan, a state some are writing off as an economic basket case. I told an audience of small and mid-size Michigan businesses that I couldn't disagree more with that assessment. In fact, I said there were two things that could not only help lift up the Michigan economy, but the national economy as well.

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Chamber Launches Transportation and Trade Campaign
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To: 'sonvic@kpunet.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:19 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Vicki Campbell

address: P.O. Box 8889 Ketchikan AK 99901

907-617--0021

MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Governor Palin and Chairman Olson:

All of us who have signed below are writing you to express our strong support for a fixed annual allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds of halibut in Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds of halibut in Area 3A for charter fishing off Alaska. Sport caught fish is one of Alaska's most value-added resources, and contributes tens of millions of dollars to the economies of coastal communities in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska.

Alaska needs a charter industry with stability. Adopting a fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A would provide for the continuation of the charter industry in Alaska as it exists today. Allocating 6.05 million pounds - only 8.2 percent of the average amount of halibut allocated each year by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the fisheries off Alaska - is a reasonable solution. It is the level that most closely tracks what charter anglers caught in 2005, the year the Council chose as the control date for the charter fleet moratorium. 6.05 million pounds is far less than the 11 million plus pounds of halibut taken annually by commercial fisheries in the form of bycatch under rules recommended by the Council, and just 10.4 percent of the 58 million pounds allocated on average by the IPHC to the commercial halibut fleet off Alaska since 1998.

The charter industry differs from the commercial industry in that it depends on stability and advance notice of rules—most clients book their trips a year out. Charter operators cannot significantly increase or decrease capacity from year to year to adjust to annual increases or decreases in allocation. They simply can't build more rooms or put more people on a boat they don't have, any more than they can afford to mothball rooms or boats they do have. The charter fleet is also different from the commercial fleet because they do not sell pounds of fish, they sell a fishing experience, which is based on client expectations of the opportunity to catch fish. To remain competitive in the global marketplace, Alaskan charter operators need to reliably offer their clients the opportunity to catch two halibut a day, something they have traditionally been able to do for decades.

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

Vicki J. Campbell

Name

Company Signature

Vicki J. Campbell Campbell's Fishing Charters Signed

sonvic@kpunet.net

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:01 AM
To: 'N601st@thevision.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: John & June Rogers

address: 5101 Mountain View Rd. Hughson CA 95326

MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

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Respectfully,

John & June Rogers

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:59 AM
To: 'alaskandiane@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Budget

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:15 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Diane Fielden

address: 140 S. Leibrock st. Soldotna AK 99669

1-907-262-1827

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin, I just was reading my morning newspaper and I am appaled and heart broken. I have met you personaly and found you to be an honest and up front person. I was absolutly 100% behind you all the way. Today I can not say that. In the Clairion it was stated and I quote""$676 million for operation of shooting ranges in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau" "and additional money for Troopers, health and social services public affairs office and election workers" $676 million! for shooting ranges! I am shocked beyond words. I went to Juneau and begged the legislators for $13 million for Comunnity Health Centers to help the uninsured and needy people of or state. I walked up and down the halls of offies talk to anyone who would listen. I have written and faxed and phone any who was associated with State govenment to help us raise monies to update to the mandated electronic records system that the govenment has deemed we have. So why would this huge ammount of money be set aside for gun r

anges be higher up the list than CHC's who serve anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay in this Great State of Alaska? I would like to talk face to face with you, although I know that will never happen, but woman to woman, I voted for you and until today I never regreted it, but today I do. Diane Fielden, Soldotna Alaska

alaskandiane@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:55 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Legal_and_lawsuits

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:31 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: David Bartels

address: Lot 21 Fish Creek Estates Big Lake AK 99652

232-2045

MESSAGE:

To Sarah Palin, (We require a response A.S.A.P.)

We need to schedule a short personal interview with Governor Palin (A.S.A.P.) for our documentary on government corruption in Alaska in conjuction with the "crime" we dubbed Alaska's No-fault Divorce Scam to affirm her views and confirm she is against letting the Attorneys getting away with extorting millions and millions of dollars from the People by concealing divorce ("a private realm of family life which the state cannot enter"), property settlement, child custody, child support require the consent of both parties to an agreement with full understanding with intent to be bound. Plus, how the divorce rate has skyrocketed because of this scam which is thereby recklessly traumatizing our innocent children. Please respond A.S.A.P. Thank you. Sincerely David Bartels 232-2045

judgebartels@yahoo.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:47 AM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Conf

Crud- I had visitors thru some of it- may we pow-wow so you guys can interpret it for me?

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From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 10:33:39

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Press Conf

Yep...with dropped jaw.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Sent: Tue Mar 25 10:30:12 2008

Subject: Press Conf

Are u guys watching?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:33 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Chenault

Doesn't want the Kasilof boat launch, so let's eliminate it at the Representative's request. (Pls see his March 20 letter, which I saw for the first time today.)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:24 AM
To: Ivy personal; K Perry Yahoo; Frank Bailey; Todd; Jollie; Tara L (CED); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV); Kerm Ketchum
Subject: Re: press conf and Tonight

I'm a'watchin'. They sound like anti-conservatives, big time.

Also, tonight- pls come over while Kerm and Tara are in town. 6:00-ish? And for the second time Piper will share bday cake with all of us, but she'll be in a good mood this time.

I gave Erika a head's up that I'm having folks over at 6. (Pip may be able to invite a couple of her classmates over at that time too.)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye <ivyfrye@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 11:15:13

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Kris Perry <krisandclark@yahoo.com>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: press conf

Are you guys listening to the senate press conf? Stedman/Hoffma are getting drilled by Gregg Erickson. "Would it be accurate to say the Senate Bi-Partisan Working Group doesn't have an overall spending plan?" All Stedman and Hoffman can say is they've saved more in 08 than in state history. Alright, but what's your SPENDING Plan???

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From:	gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent:	Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:10 AM
To:	Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc:	Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject:	Re: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

They're invited to attend today too.

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:51:18

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

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I let them know Stedman is Wed.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:44 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

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Subject: RE: Tuesday meeting with lawmakers

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Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 11:43 PM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:09 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV)
Subject: Re: Kerm

No, I mean I'd rather he and Tara and others come over to the house tonight instead of having that mtg today in the middle of a very busy time. They can come over, meet officially, and save valuable office time that I need today. Thanks

I'm giving Erika a head's up that I'll be inviting them to come over tonight.

------Original Message------

From: Janice Mason

To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Kris Perry

To: Todd

Sent: Mar 25, 2008 10:04 AM

Subject: RE: Kerm

Kerm is touring mansion with Tara Jollie at 1:00 p.m. today. I do not

know of him stopping in tonight at the house. Janice

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 10:02 AM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Todd

Subject: Kerm

If kerm is coming over tonight, can we postpone today's 1/2 hr mtg at

11am, and call tonight's visit good?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:55 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Kuskikwim

Talis- I see that Dept of Rev, and perhaps Law, is investigating the Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog race re: under-reported income.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:45 AM
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: NY Times Magazine

Yes- we have to find some exciting things for him to shadow tho... It's exciting now re: wrapping up session- don't know how exciting anything will be after April 13th though.

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:21:25

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: NY Times Magazine

Peter Maass, who interviewed you during NGA in D.C. has received a green light from his editors to continue with a feature story for the NY Times Magazine.

With your approval on timing for early or mid-June, he is interested in an interview with you and doing some "shadowing" like Karen Breslau with Newsweek did.

Right now, I can work with Janice on a preliminary time-frame if you'd like to continue with this project.

Beth Leschper

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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:18 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices$208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Great idea on speaking directly w reporters- we'll see what lawmakers say in their 10am press availability- they're supposed to "clarify and correct" their press releases' bogus claims from last night, according to Mike. Hopefully Mike and Karen will be very adament about correcting their misstatements today, via direct communications with reporters (and I'll be there), esp in reaction to what Senators are supposed to say by way of corrections this morning.

We can speak with them as they attend some of our open mtgs with lawmakers throughout the day in the conf room perhaps?

What's Bill going to do next??

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 08:52:53

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices

$208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Governor-

We addressed most of these issues in the release that went out on

Friday. Rather than another release, a more proactive way may be to

talk directly with reporters. Several are planning to attend the

meetings with lawmakers today and tomorrow. Thoughts? Btw - I am

hearing this is the last session for Bill McAllister.

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To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices

$208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

It is AMAZING how they spun this... It blows us away that they can claim such numbers... We will need to respopnd.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:07:52

To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Makes you wonder wht they dislike us so much... He says they had to cut from our 17-percent increase?!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:05:52

To:"Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Karen Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Dear lord- what next...

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Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 23:04:55

To:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208

Million from Governor Palin's Increases

A laugh a minute!

----- Original Message -----

From: Jeff Turner <Jeff_Turner@legis.state.ak.us>

Sent: Mon Mar 24 22:58:46 2008

Subject: Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09 Operating Budget - Slices $208 Million from Governor Palin's Increases

Alaska Legislature

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For Immediate Release: March 24, 2008

Senate Passes a Reduced FY 09

Operating Budget

Slices $208 Million from Governor Palin's Increases

(JUNEAU) - Today the Alaska Senate passed the state's FY 09 operating budget, House Bill 310, after a thorough and complete review of all the spending increases proposed by the Palin administration.

"The Senate Finance Committee has always believed that living within our means starts with slowing down the growth of the state operating budget," said Senate Finance Co-Chair Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel. "We started with Governor Palin's version that was 17 percent larger than last year. After weeks of analyzing that budget we were able to trim that increase by nearly five percent."

"This is a sound budget that meets the people's needs," said Senate President Lyda Green, R-Wasilla. "However, I am still concerned about the total dollar amount. We were able to make reductions to the Governor's budget, but more will need to be made next year so that we can save as much of the surplus as possible."

The Senate started its review by applying the following three principals to the FY 09 spending plan:

* No new state positions unless absolutely necessary
* Refrain from backfilling the loss of federal funds with state general funds
* Curb expansion of existing programs without sound justification

By applying these principals the Senate crafted a spending plan that curbs the growth of state government by $208 million and saves as much of the budget surplus as possible and:

* Reduces Governor Palin's proposed operating budget increase from 17 percent to 11.5 percent
* Slashes the number of new state government positions in the Palin administration's proposed budget by half from 305 to 157
* Turned away the expansion of state programs proposed by the Palin administration for a savings of $40 million

The FY 09 operating budget uses $4.2 billion in general fund revenue. The operating budget now goes back to the House for concurrence. If the House declines to concur with the Senate's changes a joint conference committee will be appointed to come up with compromise legislation.

For more information, contact Senator Hoffman at (907) 465-4453.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 9:11 AM
To: Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: What Now!

Importance: High

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Ward [mailto:bob@awardcharters.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:10 AM

To: Homer Charter Association (members only); sue.salveson@noaa.gov; Dave Hansen; Jim Balsiger; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)

Subject: What Now!

Importance: High

All Charters,

Why can't the council members honor their position to manage the fisheries resources for the American People, not just for themselves? The resources are not theirs, they belong to all of us.

Where do we go from here? The council is going to reign down what ever is good for the commercials. There is no hope of a fair consideration of our position because they are not mandated to do so. They will do what ever it takes to protect their riches without regard for their supposed opposition.

They were given a natural resource that belonged to all of us and there is no way in hell they will give any of it back. Therefore asking for more fish is equivalent to standing on the street corner with your hand out. As far as they are concerned charters have no right to increase their share or ask for more fish because we were left out of the original IFQ equation. NMFS screwed the charter industry by sitting on the original IFQ motion and now the whole industry is in peril. Our only hope is that the council does what

it will with the allocation and then implements an IFQ type of "historic catch" limited entry. Anything less will spell eventual doom to all the established small operators. The guy with the biggest boat wins again. The size of the boats will increase and the price of a charter will decrease and the length of season will shrink.

Perhaps lawsuits are the only recourse. A suit against NMFS for inaction and a suit against the council process as being the tool of the commercials to eliminate any competition. It is easier to eliminate charters than to fight for a reduction of bycatch. That sounds like another lawsuit waiting to be filed.

I will be absolutely stunned if any good comes of April's council meeting..

Check out the Blog and lets hear some comments. Have you faxed your comments to the council yet?

http://www.flatfishissues.blogspot.com/

The above was from a charter operator with more than 25 years of service.

Please act now, comments must be in to the council by Wednesday, March 26th. 16 Industry participants from all areas and investment levels had a 3 hour teleconference on Monday with this outcome.

The consensus of the group on the call was as follows:

1. the industry should highlight the incorrect and missing portions of the draft analysis, recognizing that this could cause the current timeline for Council action to slip;

2. everyone should support the addition of a new fixed pound allocation option for analysis that provides enough pounds to:

A. allow the moratorium eligible fleet in both 2C and 3A to

continue to operate with a two fish daily bag limit and a season of historic length, and

B. accommodate the new permits which the Council decided to include in the moratorium for eligible communities (the CQE permits could add up to 72 new permits, or 10 percent, in Area 2C, and 91 new permits, or 15 percent, in Area 3A, each fishing up to six clients); and

3. with respect to leasing of IFQ, it was agreed that we would continue to discuss the issue internally within the industry over the summer, and in the meantime everyone would support leaving the option in the analysis, but would make clear that IFQ leasing is not a substitute for providing a sufficient fixed pound initial allocation, and people are free to express their concerns about the feasibility of leasing as an option (the key point here being that it was agreed we would not let anyone turn IFQ leasing into an issue that divides the industry).

The Industry is in peril, and those who put us there have no conscience or concern about what they have done because there is no accountability, they just go back home at the end of the meeting. This seems to be a real failure of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and we have no ability to influence them or the Alaska Governor, she will not have audience with us. Please do what you can to get your letters in to the council, at least we will be on record of expressing our concerns.

Thanks and as always we are trying to be there for the betterment of the charter industry.

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'IN GOD WE TRUST'

An AMERICAN Phrase

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Subject: Re: Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

Ivy's comments here are 100-percent right on. Please use her comments in our response to Senate action yesterday. Were we asked anything by reporters? We need to have a public statement out about their action, esp considering their success on the floor w/the spin re: "the Gov's huge budget- we had to reign her in... she insisted on these increases...etc". The public statement needs to go out soon before their spin sticks.

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From: Ivy Frye <ivyfrye@yahoo.com>

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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

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gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote: We're very lucky on that headline- they'll be working OT today to spin this as OUR huge budget.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 09:19:46

To:Sarah Palin , Frank Bailey , Kris Perry , Todd Palin

Subject: Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

I love the headline! The story could have been a little stronger re: the Senate hijacking every appropriations bill and then blaming spending on the executive branch, but I won't complain too much (today at least) because the headline says it all!!! The Senate couldn't save a dime if their lives depended on it.

Senate expands state spending as savings talk dominates

OPERATING BUDGET: 11.5 percent increase; $1 billion added to reserve.

By ANNE SUTTON

The Associated Press

Published: March 25th, 2008 02:13 AM

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JUNEAU -- It would have been unthinkable two years ago: lawmakers arguing over whether to pad the state savings account with $1 billion or $3 billion on top of several billion already proposed.

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But such is the nature of state revenues as money from high oil prices and a new production tax continues to cascade into state coffers.

Given the new fiscal scene, it was savings, not spending, that dominated the legislative debate as the Alaska Senate approved an $11 billion operating budget Monday for state agencies and K-12 education next year.

As part of that plan, a bipartisan Senate majority successfully proposed an addition of $1 billion from next year's surplus revenues to the state savings account, the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund.

Lawmakers are already planning to put at least $2.6 billion into the account from this year's surplus and another $1 billion into a different account.

Republican minority members said that's not enough, however.

Senate Minority Leader Gene Therriault, R-Fairbanks, pointed to a recent report from the University of Alaska that says the current rate of state spending is not sustainable.

He proposed setting aside a total of $2.9 billion, adding that the extra money would allow the operating budget to pass at the proposed level while leaving another $350 million in state general funds for the capital budget. "Why wouldn't we set it aside?" Therriault asked. "If the concern is that we haven't done a capital budget yet, I tell you that's part of my concern."

He said he fears a spending free-for-all over construction projects around the state because lawmakers have failed to set a spending cap in the capital budget.

Sen. Bert Stedman, R-Sitka, said lawmakers should wait to put aside additional savings until the 2009 supplemental budget in the next legislative session.

He said volatile oil prices could change the state's fiscal picture in a hurry.

State revenue forecasters last fall projected oil prices would be $66 a barrel and, with prices continuing to climb, lawmakers are currently building a budget based on $83 a barrel. But if prices can go up, they can just as easily go back down, said Stedman. "To take the cushion and lock it up in the CBR is irresponsible at best," he said. "To my knowledge, it's never been done in the history of the state to tie the fiscal hands of the state so it does not have the ability to maneuver."

For all the talk about savings, the operating budget, which passed 15-4, is really about spending. It would draw about $5.2 billion from the general fund, $4 billion from other state funds and $1.7 billion from federal funds. It represents about an 11.5 percent increase in spending over last year, according to lawmakers.

Lawmakers also considered adding an extra $20 million to schools through school improvement grants.

Sen. Gary Wilken, R-Fairbanks, withdrew the amendment, however, saying it was his understanding that schools would be getting more money through a separate appropriation, perhaps as an energy grant. Stedman said an additional appropriation for schools will be added in another budget bill.

The budget includes $60 million in revenue sharing and $175 million for oil and gas tax credits and more than $310 million to fund negotiated state employee salary increases.

At Gov. Sarah Palin's request, senators added about $13 million to various programs in one lump amendment, including $6.1 million for outside legal assistance in oil and gas issues, $676,000 for operation of shooting ranges in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau and additional money for troopers, health and social services public affairs office and election workers.

Lawmakers passed the budget with both majority and minority members warning that spending cannot be sustained into the future.

Even if high oil prices remain, they are expected to be offset by the steady decrease in oil production on the North Slope and fiscal experts warn that structural deficits are expected three to four years in the future.

"With the growth that we see and no apparent plan for where total spending is going to end up, I'm fearful for what it sets up, perhaps not for this legislature or even the next one but certainly for the one after that," said Therriault.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:14 AM
To: 'wfc20@acsalaska.net'
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:37 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Wayne Campbell

address: 3700 W. 86th St. Apt. 2 Anchorage AK 99502

907-248-2418

MESSAGE:

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor of Alaska

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Mr. Eric Olson

Chairman

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

605 West 4th, Suite 306

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Governor Palin and Chairman Olson:

All of us who have signed below are writing you to express our strong support for a fixed annual allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds of halibut in Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds of halibut in Area 3A for charter fishing off Alaska. Sport caught fish is one of Alaska's most value-added resources, and contributes tens of millions of dollars to the economies of coastal communities in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska.

Alaska needs a charter industry with stability. Adopting a fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A would provide for the continuation of the charter industry in Alaska as it exists today. Allocating 6.05 million pounds - only 8.2 percent of the average amount of halibut allocated each year by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to the fisheries off Alaska - is a reasonable solution. It is the level that most closely tracks what charter anglers caught in 2005, the year the Council chose as the control date for the charter fleet moratorium. 6.05 million pounds is far less than the 11 million plus pounds of halibut taken annually by commercial fisheries in the form of bycatch under rules recommended by the Council, and just 10.4 percent of the 58 million pounds allocated on average by the IPHC to the commercial halibut fleet off Alaska since 1998.

The charter industry differs from the commercial industry in that it depends on stability and advance notice of rules—most clients book their trips a year out. Charter operators cannot significantly increase or decrease capacity from year to year to adjust to annual increases or decreases in allocation. They simply can't build more rooms or put more people on a boat they don't have, any more than they can afford to mothball rooms or boats they do have. The charter fleet is also different from the commercial fleet because they do not sell pounds of fish, they sell a fishing experience, which is based on client expectations of the opportunity to catch fish. To remain competitive in the global marketplace, Alaskan charter operators need to reliably offer their clients the opportunity to catch two halibut a day, something they have traditionally been able to do for decades.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has adopted numerous different management regimes for fisheries off Alaska. Each is tailored to best meet the needs of that particular fishing industry segment. The Council needs to adopt a management scheme that makes sense for the charter industry, and should not adopt measures simply because they mirror how the commercial fleet is managed. A fixed pound allocation of at least 1.9 million pounds for Area 2C and 4.15 million pounds for Area 3A will provide certainty and stability for both the charter industry and the commercial industry. It will also ensure that the State, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, NMFS, and the commercial and charter industry participants won't have to devote significant time and resources to annual changes in halibut regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

Wayne F. Campbell

Name

Company Signature

Wayne F. Campbell 3700 W. 86th #2 Anchorage, Signed

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From: Robert Ward [bob@awardcharters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:10 AM
To: Homer Charter Association (members only); sue.salveson@noaa.gov; Dave Hansen; Jim Balsiger; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)
Subject: What Now!

Importance: High

All Charters,

Why can't the council members honor their position to manage the fisheries resources for the American People, not just for themselves? The resources are not theirs, they belong to all of us.

Where do we go from here? The council is going to reign down what ever is good for the commercials. There is no hope of a fair consideration of our position because they are not mandated to do so. They will do what ever it takes to protect their riches without regard for their supposed opposition.

They were given a natural resource that belonged to all of us and there is no way in hell they will give any of it back. Therefore asking for more fish is equivalent to standing on the street corner with your hand out. As far as they are concerned charters have no right to increase their share or ask for more fish because we were left out of the original IFQ equation. NMFS screwed the charter industry by sitting on the original IFQ motion and now the whole industry is in peril. Our only hope is that the council does what it will with the allocation and then implements an IFQ type of "historic catch" limited entry. Anything less will spell eventual doom to all the established small operators. The guy with the biggest boat wins again. The size of the boats will increase and the price of a charter will decrease and the length of season will shrink.

Perhaps lawsuits are the only recourse. A suit against NMFS for inaction and a suit against the council process as being the tool of the commercials to eliminate any competition. It is easier to eliminate charters than to fight

for a reduction of bycatch. That sounds like another lawsuit waiting to be filed.

I will be absolutely stunned if any good comes of April's council meeting..

Check out the Blog and lets hear some comments. Have you faxed your comments to the council yet?

http://www.flatfishissues.blogspot.com/

The above was from a charter operator with more than 25 years of service.

Please act now, comments must be in to the council by Wednesday, March 26th. 16 Industry participants from all areas and investment levels had a 3 hour teleconference on Monday with this outcome.

The consensus of the group on the call was as follows:

1. the industry should highlight the incorrect and missing portions of the draft analysis, recognizing that this could cause the current timeline for Council action to slip;

2. everyone should support the addition of a new fixed pound allocation option for analysis that provides enough pounds to:

A. allow the moratorium eligible fleet in both 2C and 3A to continue to operate with a two fish daily bag limit and a season of historic length, and

B. accommodate the new permits which the Council decided to include in the moratorium for eligible communities (the CQE permits could add up to 72 new permits, or 10 percent, in Area 2C, and 91 new permits, or 15 percent, in Area 3A, each fishing up to six clients); and

3. with respect to leasing of IFQ, it was agreed that we would continue to discuss the issue internally within the industry over the summer, and in

the meantime everyone would support leaving the option in the analysis, but would make clear that IFQ leasing is not a substitute for providing a sufficient fixed pound initial allocation, and people are free to express their concerns about the feasibility of leasing as an option (the key point here being that it was agreed we would not let anyone turn IFQ leasing into an issue that divides the industry).

The Industry is in peril, and those who put us there have no conscience or concern about what they have done because there is no accountability, they just go back home at the end of the meeting. This seems to be a real failure of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and we have no ability to influence them or the Alaska Governor, she will not have audience with us. Please do what you can to get your letters in to the council, at least we will be on record of expressing our concerns.

Thanks and as always we are trying to be there for the betterment of the charter industry.

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'IN GOD WE TRUST'
An AMERICAN Phrase

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Sudan

J- pls set up phone call for me to speak with Mike Burns this morning- just real quick, I'll touch base with him on what a Gov's authority is re: investment/divestment of Perm Fund $$$. He hasn't asked, but he needs to hear from me on my opinion - and no one seems to know what a Gov's authority is in this issue is but I will go on record with him re: Perm Fund divesting the half of one-percent that we've got in Darfur. Thanks

Russ-you can let leggies know I'm still trying to talk to Burns.

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Subject: Sudan

Russ- if you get a chance to talk to Gara or Lynn, let them know I do support their efforts on divestment. I haven't known what they needed of me, but I'm not impressed with Mike Burns avoiding the question and giving Alaskans the ol' "not available for comment" comment.

If asked, I'm telling Alaskans I still desire to have the conversation with Burns to let him know my take on this (but he hasn't expressed interest in knowing what I'd like to do on this issue) and I side with those who believe our "bottom line" shouldn"t be our sole global concern in this matter.

If I can do anything to help those lawmakers, even if it's just taking a public stand on this, I'll do so. They can suggest ways I could help. Thanks

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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. nicholas bristow

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MESSAGE:

Please, if it is presented to you, accept the VP nomination. I am confident that you have alot to offer to our great nation and probably much more support and endorsement than you realize. Consider a VP nomination if presented with it.

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